

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - NOTICE TO EVENT ORGANIZERS AND E-COMMERCE BUSINESSES

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The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) brings the following to the notice of:

- Organizers of events including food fairs where food vendors display and sell ready-to-eat food and
- E-commerce businesses that provide their platforms to food vendors to advertise and sell ready-to-eat food.

Food Service Establishments (FSEs) operating without valid Food Hygiene Permits (FHP) from the Authority are in violation of Section 130 (1) of the Public Health Act 2012 (Act 851) which states that, “A person shall not manufacture for sale, sell, supply or store products regulated under this Part except in premises registered for that purpose under this Part.”

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For the purposes of this notice, a “Food Service Establishment” is an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption such as a restaurant, bakery, canteen,

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online food business, event caterer, fast-food service and chop bars.

In view of the above, both e-commerce businesses and event organizers are advised to only permit FDA licensed food vendors to advertise and sell their food on their platforms and to only admit FDA licensed food vendors to participate in their events, respectively.

As part of their requirements, e-commerce businesses and event organizers are to ensure that all food vendors who apply to use your platforms for the sale of their food, or apply for slots or stands at exhibitions, food fairs, weekend markets and music concerts provide valid Food Hygiene Permits before admission. Applicants without the Food Hygiene Permits must be directed to immediately take steps to regularize their activities by applying for the Permit at FDA and making their facilities available for food safety inspections.

This is to ensure that only safe food is sold to the public and also to prevent the risk of food borne illnesses. The

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FDA cannot guarantee the quality of operations and safety of food prepared by FSEs that do not have valid Food Hygiene Permits.

Please note that a list of licensed FSEs is available on our website or can always be requested from our office



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Signed

Chief Executive Officer
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